

Remarks

Applicants appreciate the examination of the present application as evidenced by the final Office Action dated July 21, 2008 (hereinafter, the "Final Action").

Claims 16, 22, 31-33, 42, 44 and 47 stand rejected, and Claims 45 and 46 stand objected to for depending on a rejected claim. *See* Final Action, pages 1 and 3. Namely, Claim 45 is dependent upon Claim 31, and Claim 46 is dependent upon Claim 16. Neither Claim 45 nor 46 stands rejected in view of the cited references. Accordingly, in an effort to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicants have amended Claims 16 and 31 to include the recitations of Claims 46 and 45, respectively. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 16 and 31 are now patentable as well as Claims 22, 33, 42, 44 and 47, which depend from Claim 16.

Applicants further submit herewith a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) to submit information received during the prosecution of corresponding applications in foreign jurisdictions as well as information of interest from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Applicants respectfully request consideration of the information submitted in the IDS, and it is Applicants' belief that this information is merely cumulative of the information considered previously by the Examiner with respect to this application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and the same is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 919-854-1400 for resolution of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,




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